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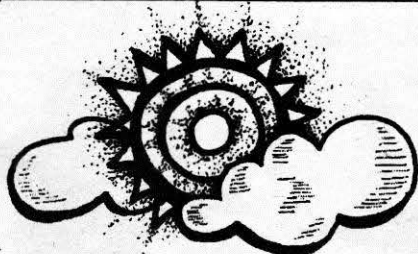
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Delayed yearbook to be here by Christmas

By Megan Fields
Reporter

The 1994-95 Chief Justice yearbook was sent to the publisher early last week and is scheduled to arrive before Christmas break, said Jennifer M. Jenkins, editor-in-chief.

The Kitts Hill, Ohio, junior said the original deadline for the book was the end of June so staff could include spring semester events. However, Jenkins said she had to extend the contract with the Herff-Jones Co. publishers because of problems with staff and yearbook adviser, Heidi McCormick.

Jenkins, a civil engineering major who is completing a co-op with the Army Corps of Engineers this semester, said she and other members of the yearbook staff had differences with McCormick that delayed production.

McCormick resigned from her position the end of the year to go to graduate school at Bowling Green State University in Bowling Green, Ohio.

Jenkins said problems with the schedule arose from the beginning.

"Everything I got done, she [McCormick] would take to Dee Cockrille and change it," Jenkins said. "Nothing got mailed."

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Jennifer Jenkins,
editor-in-chief

Dr. Donnalee A. "Dee" Cockrille, dean of student affairs, said she in no way stifled the creativity of the Chief Justice. She said she only saw one proof, and pointed out some technical errors.

McCormick said she did not believe major conflicts existed among staff.

"We're all very different people with different schedules," she said. "I'm not going to say anything disrespectful about students."

Jenkins said after McCormick left at the end of the spring semester and Stephen W. Hensley, associate dean of student affairs, took over the yearbook, she began to make progress.

The 1994-95 Chief Justice will look different from

past yearbooks. It is a 104-page, soft-bound book with no individual photos.

The book is 9 by 12 inches — larger than the normal 8.5 by 11 inches. Jenkins said the size difference saved about \$5,000 in production costs. The 94-95 book is the first Chief Justice that did not receive an annual student fee allocation. Usually, about \$35,000 from student fees is allocated to the yearbook, but this yearbook is being paid for with carry over funds from previous years.

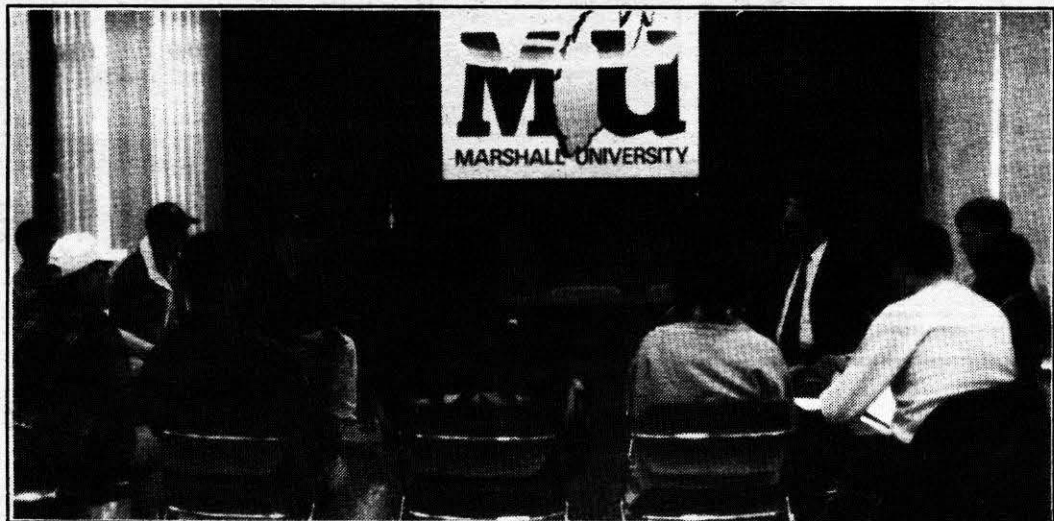
The Student Fees Committee voted against additional funds after a survey revealed students do not consider the yearbook to be an important part of campus life, Hensley said. Jenkins said the yearbook will still be free to students.

Hensley said Jenkins was paid \$3,000 for her year-long position as editor. Since the deadline agreed upon by the original yearbook committee was the first of June, Jenkins was not paid for the extra work over the summer and the beginning of the fall 1995.

Jenkins said the apathy and disorganization she encountered in creating the book frustrated her.

"If I could have quit, I would have," she said. "But I went into it with the attitude that the book's going to be done and it's going to be done right."

Campus feedback



Vanessa Gijon/The Parthenon

James J. Rhatigan of Wichita State University, a member of the North Central Association Accreditation team, asked student opinions about Marshall Monday afternoon in the Don Morris Room. Eleven

students which included two student media reporters, attended the event. The accreditation team was to finish its work today and prepare to make its final decisions concerning accreditation.

Staff differences part of cause in book's delay

By Megan Fields
Reporter

The 1994-95 Chief Justice was delayed because of lack of communication and personality conflicts among staff, Kim Taylor, former graduate assistant for Office of Student Activities and aide to the yearbook staff, said.

"The main problem was lack of team effort and lack of communication," Taylor said.

Taylor said there was little staff interest as the semester progressed: Twenty people attended the first yearbook meeting, but only three remained at the end of the year.

Melissa J. Moore, former graduate assistant for University Relations and photography editor, said the

situation in the yearbook office was so bad she resigned at the end of the fall 1994 semester.

"It was like hitting a brick wall with everything I wanted to do," Moore said.

Moore said confusion was the dominant theme from the beginning of the fall 1994 semester.

The yearbook office moved from Smith Hall to the basement of Memorial Student Center last year. Moore said it took until the middle of November for staff from Office of Conferences and Facilities to move equipment out of the office so yearbook staff could begin to work. Even then, Moore said, there was not suitable room nor equipment

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MU student assists in saving Huntington woman's life

By William R. McKenna
News Editor

It was just another day for the junior track player.

That is, until tragedy fell into her path.

Cincinnati native and finance major Cindy L. Dawson was running along 8th Avenue Monday afternoon when she saw a man standing over an elderly woman on the ground.

Rose Shelton, 90, of Huntington, had fallen off her

porch steps. Her heart had stopped.

Dawson stopped to help.

"Right at that moment, her neighbor came out of the house screaming and yelling — 'somebody help me! Somebody help me!'" Dawson said.

The neighbor, carrying a



Dawson

phone, had Dawson call 911 and an ambulance was sent to the scene.

"When I talked to the 911 person they didn't even tell us to try and administer CPR," Dawson said. "I thought that was kind of bad."

Shelton was placed on her back and her neighbor attempted CPR. But, without Dawson's help it would have been performed incorrectly.

"Her neighbor started breathing air into her, just

breathing," Dawson said. "You can't do it like that. You have got to pinch her nose, hold her chin back and blow air in and give her compressions."

Dawson corrected the neighbor and helped by applying the compressions. Another woman, who knew how to administer CPR, then stepped in, she said.

"The lady on the street, she just came over and breathed into the lady twice and right at that moment she just started

breathing," Dawson said.

The ambulance arrived and Shelton was rushed to the hospital, she said.

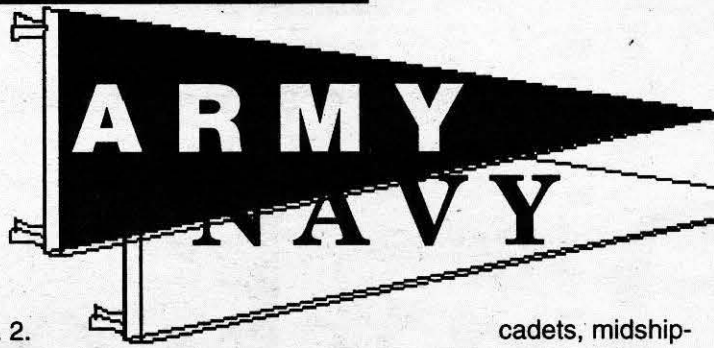
"I made sure everything was O.K.," she said. "I told her cousin that I would keep her (Shelton) in my prayers and then I ran back to school."

But Dawson did more than just keep her in her prayers, that evening she saw Shelton in the hospital.

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This&That

Army's got Navy's goat



WEST POINT, N.Y. (AP) — Army has got the Navy's goats, in a "kid-napping" that broke a five-year truce between the service academies to not abduct each others mascots.

A group of seniors from the U.S. Military Academy staged a pre-dawn raid Sunday on a Navy-owned farm in Maryland, nabbing three of the U.S. Naval Academy's goats.

The cadets told the Middletown Times-Herald Record they intend to keep the mascots at an undisclosed hideout until the Army-Navy football

game on Dec. 2.

"They got all the goats," confirmed Naval Academy spokeswoman Karen Myers. "Bill the Goat 26, 28 and 29. We've filed charges with the Pentagon."

The charge is theft of goats, similar to a burglary complaint.

"We're not amused," said Myers, citing a no-nonsense policy forged by Army and Navy top brass to put an end to retaliatory mascot abductions — a tradition before the annual football game.

The agreement stipulates that the "kidnapping of

cadets, midshipmen or mascots

will not be tolerated." It was updated as recently as Oct. 10.

The cadets said the goat-napping was payback for the 1991 abduction by midshipmen of four Army mules. The midshipmen returned the mascots before kickoff.

The year before, Army thought it had stolen Navy's goat — but midshipmen anticipated the prank and hid the real mascot.

NAMES • IN • THE • NEWS

More than singers

NASHVILLE (AP) — Before the singing, there's the writing. Garth Brooks, Mary Chapin Carpenter, Ronnie Dunn, Vince Gill and Alan Jackson are among 16 composers receiving "Triple Play" awards Nov. 15 for writing three No. 1 songs in a year.

A 'damn Oriole?'

NEW YORK (AP) — It wasn't "Damn Yankees," but baseballs — lots of them — were being rushed to the set of Broadway's "Grease" when actors found out Cal Ripken Jr. was in the audience.

"We were running around trying to find things he could sign," said Jennifer Cody, who plays Cha Cha DiGregorio in "Grease."

Oprah aids science

ATLANTA (AP) — Oprah Winfrey donated \$1 million to Spelman College to help pay for a new science complex and to improve science programs.

"This science initiative is a gift to us all, as it allows the next generation to discover new ways to really make our world better," the talk show host said.

FYI

The Young Democrats will meet at 3:30 p.m. today in Memorial Student Center 2W37.

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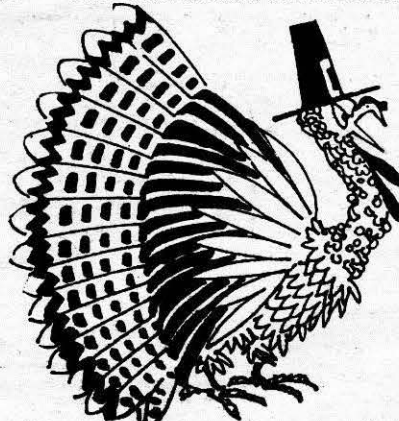
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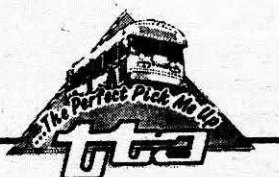
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AIDS drug awaits FDA approval

SILVER SPRING, Md. (AP) — AIDS patients may soon have a new drug to help boost the effectiveness of their standard treatment.

Government scientists recommended Monday that the Food and Drug Administration approve the drug 3TC to be used with AZT, the standard therapy most AIDS patients take.

Together, the drugs boost patients' immune systems and lower the amount of the HIV virus in their blood for at least six months, says Glaxo Wellcome Co., which manufactures both drugs.

The FDA is not obliged to accept the recommendations of advisory panels, but it usually does.

If the FDA agrees, 3TC, whose trade name is Epivir, would become the fifth member of a family of AIDS drugs that

fight the disease by crippling a protein important in the virus' reproduction.

Tuesday, the same panel of scientists debated another drug, Hoffmann-LaRoche's Saquinavir, which could become the first of a new class of AIDS drugs called protease inhibitors. These drugs also would stall HIV's reproduction, but by working on a different portion of the virus.

More significantly for 3TC, the combination therapy appears to work best in patients who never have tried AZT alone, prompting the panel to recommend that it be offered as an initial therapy.

Doing so would make the 3TC combination patients' first new choice for initial treatment since AZT hit the market in 1987.

All other AIDS drugs sold to date are

supposed to be used after AZT fails.

Early data "support the argument for initial aggressive therapy," Glaxo research chief Marc Rubin said. "3TC-AZT was consistently associated with greater and more sustained response."

The experimental drug was discovered by Biochem Pharma of Laval, Quebec, and licensed in 1990 to Glaxo.

Numerous questions remain about the 3TC combination, including some early hints that when patients develop resistance to 3TC they also may not respond to other alternatives, such as the drugs ddI and ddC.

"I am very uncomfortable giving this regimen in a widespread way" because of all the questions, said Dr. Douglas Mayers of Walter Reed Army Institute of Research in Washington.

Bookstore owner sues Milton officials, ask for \$1 million

MILTON (AP) — The owner of a Cabell County adult bookstore targeted for closure by City Council is suing eight city officials for \$1 million.

Michael F. Moran, president of West Virginia Pride II Inc., which owns the Lion's Den, filed a lawsuit in U.S. District Court in Huntington last week. He asks that a city ordinance aimed at closing the bookstore be declared unconstitutional.

Defendants are Mayor Tommy Harbour, City Recorder H.M. Adams, Police Chief John D. Bledsoe and council members Basil Bledsoe Jr., Wayne Clagg, Robert Legg, Patricia Nicholas and Eli White.

Harbour referred questions to the defendants' lawyer, Jim Dodrill of Charleston, who did not immediately return a telephone message Tuesday.

The Lion's Den opened Sept. 29 beside an Interstate 64 exit. After residents complained about the business, the council passed the ordinance Oct. 3. The bookstore remains open.

Man faces death penalty for kidnapping

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — A man was sentenced to death for kidnapping, beating and burying alive a 16-year-old girl whose abduction was captured in a chilling 911 call.

Orlando Hall's sentencing Monday was among the first under the 1994 Crime Bill, which added kidnapping resulting in death to the federal crimes punishable by death.

Hall, 24, of El Dorado, Ark., was one of

five men charged with kidnapping and killing Lisa Rene, who was raped over two days last year and buried in a shallow grave in Pine Bluff, Ark.

Prosecutors contended that Rene was killed as retribution for a \$5,000 drug ripoff by her brothers.

Rene screamed in terror and begged a 911 operator for help as the men broke into her apartment and dragged her away.

One of the jurors, who recommended the sentence, said she was swayed by testimony that Rene initially was shown the grave and managed to escape, only to be caught, dragged back, beaten with a shovel and buried.

"We knew this was a heinous crime, but can you imagine this poor child as she was led to her grave ... and then had to go back yet again," juror Marcy Graves said. "What kind of torture is that?"

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our view

Many students, faculty and staff absent from accreditation meeting

▼ Open meetings slated to allow input received very little feedback from those who matter most.

Unless you've been hiding under a rock for the past few weeks, you know that the university is up for accreditation again.

And, by now, we should all have a grasp of the importance of the North Central Accreditation Association team's three-day visit here.

Enough about that and how the university ranks in that regard, let's move on to one of the methods used by the team in evaluating Marshall.

Monday, the team had meetings set up for students, faculty and staff to discuss the university's strengths and weaknesses.

These were three separate, individual meetings to give each of the groups a chance to voice concerns about the campus and its future.

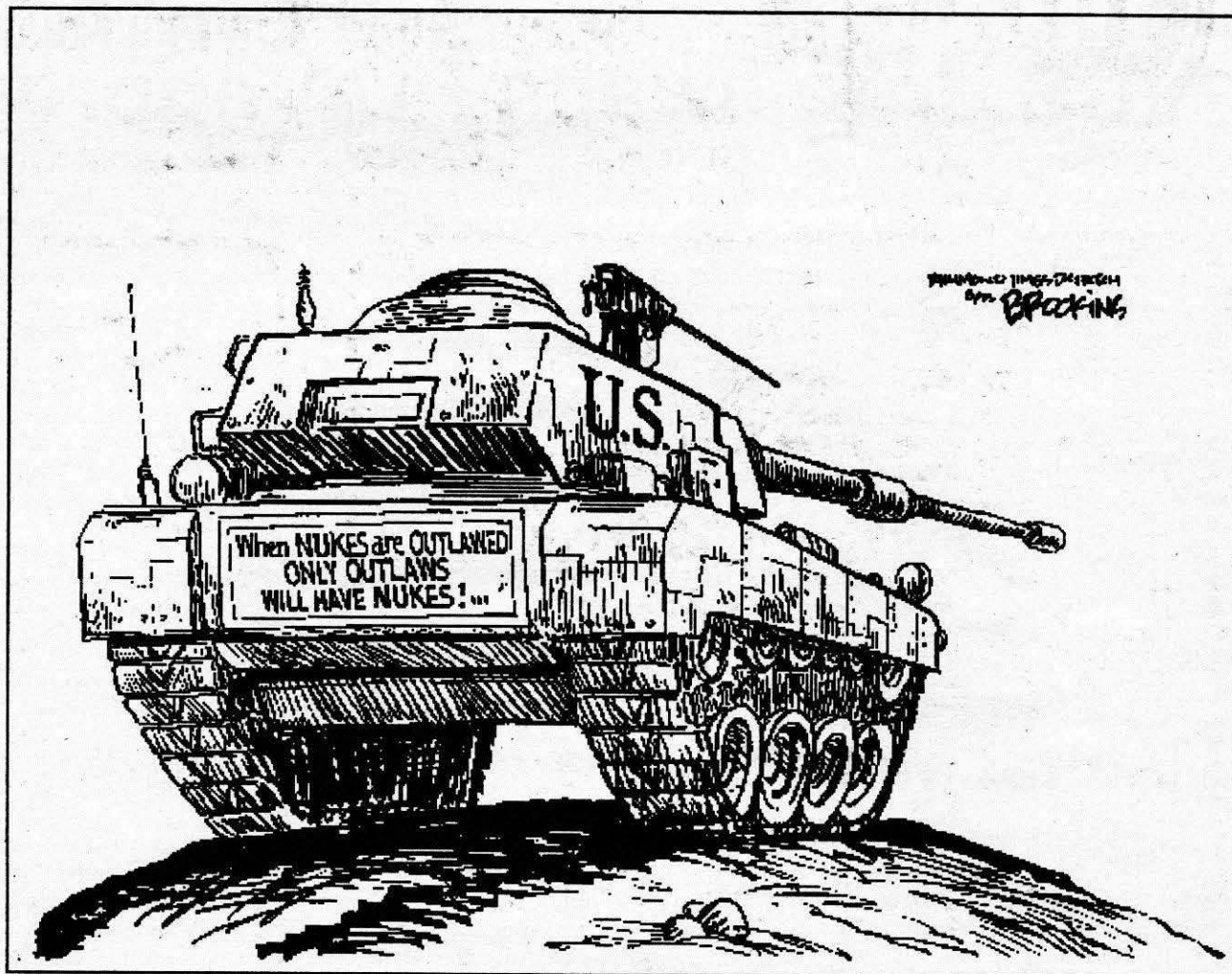
Eleven students out of a campus of about 12,000 stepped forward to let the accreditation team know what they were thinking.

Seven staff members out of 700 made their opinions known to the visiting team, only one percent of the staff overall.

The most represented group at the meetings was the faculty, with nearly 80 persons sharing their views.

The lack of students and staff who shared their concerns was definitely disappointing, but shouldn't be held against the university.

Accreditation is an issue which will have profound effects on this campus for years to come. It was an issue important enough for more people to have come forth and shared their opinions, because after all, if you don't, the things you're unhappy with will never get changed.



voices

Coordinator pleased with charity support

To the editor:

This past Tuesday, Oct. 31, the Marshall Newman Center had a Halloween costume party to benefit the Huntington City Mission. As coordinator of this charity project, I was amazed at the cooperation I received from several organizations and individuals on campus. object raised over \$200 for the mission, in addition to canned food donations.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of my volunteers publicly. A great deal of thanks is owed to the Student Government Association, without whose support this project would have failed. We are deeply indebted to the SGA for their assistance. Thank you. I also want to thank Chi-Chi's, Chili Willi's, K-Mart and Monty's Pizza for their generosity in donating prizes.

Of course, I am thankful for the students who came to help decorate and participate. You were wonderfully creative and helpful. Thank you to Ryan Cienas for agreeing to be our deejay and to Amy Cliser for calling for donations. Finally, I would like to thank Father Bill Petror letting us use his house for the party, which we hope greatly benefits the City Mission.

Jill N. Jerzyk,
Huntington alumna

SGA did not approve allocation for book

To the editor:

Despite some confusion and a

necessary postponement, student government elections have been scheduled for this fall and my time as a student senator is coming to a close. It has been my distinct privilege and an honor I will not forget. I am very grateful to those students who voiced their concerns to me, shared their experiences with me and helped try to make this university a better place. I have no regrets about my time in SGA, but I do have a few observations that I hope will help us chart a course for the future.

First, I write to try to dispel the illusion that students in SGA can't change anything. That isn't true. When you watch cable TV in your dorm room, you are watching something that students accomplished. When we go home this Thanksgiving and have five days to spend with our families, we are doing this thanks to students. The campus directory, emergency phones and Campus Crime Watch all are the result of student leadership and student government.

It is true that many more things need to be done before we are an empowered community. We need to restore Dead Week to more than a farce. We need fair and public faculty evaluations. We need a daycare center, better parking, programs to involve returning students, respect from our Athletic Department and more freedom in our residence halls.

These are the things that this year's SGA has attempted to do, but the success of these attempts depends on you. That's my second observation. What works at Marshall works because of us, the student benefactor, not some mysterious benefactor. What is changed for the better is changed

because we make it better. Therefore, if you want these or other things to happen, you need to step up and take a stand.

Instead of ignoring the election, and chalking it up as a resume builder for some apple-polishing busybody, go and vote. Challenge the people who want to represent you. Make them respond to you. Ask them tough questions, and demand good answers. Above all else, vote so that they will have the clout to tell the university what we need and believe.

No one listens to a student who speaks for only one student. If 12,000 of us voted for one representative who supported a real Dead Week policy, we would have one. Instead, when only 50 students vote, the student you elect struggles for a whole year just to be taken seriously.

Our power, unlike the administration's, is in direct proportion to the number of students we really represent, and we cannot fight for you if you don't at least tell us what to fight for.

Please don't take this as an apology for student government. I know that in the past we have elected people with better posters than ideas, and had leaders who are more responsive to President Gilley than you or I. But, I must ask, what choice did they have? The posters get them elected and we don't hold them accountable for what they do. This year, for the first time in a long time, issues matter to student government. Unfortunately, whether or not that endures is up to you. Isn't it time we demanded better from our alma mater?

Sen. Matt Bromund,
College of Liberal Arts

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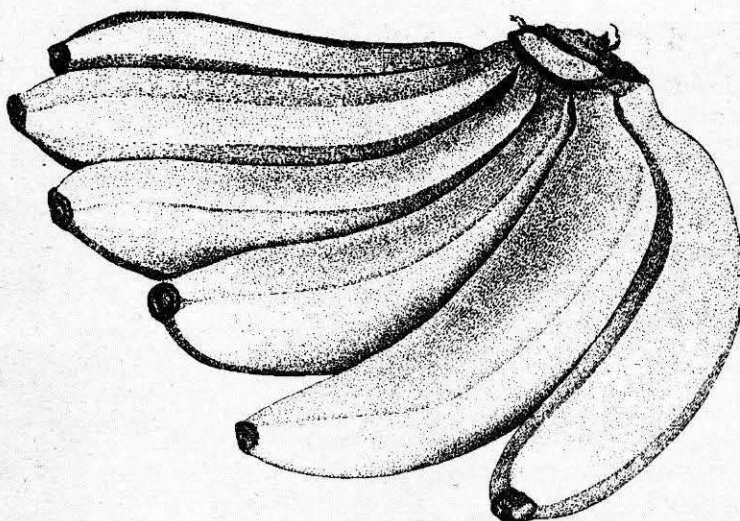


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English farce 'Dry Rot' opens Thursday night

By Tommie Casey Lewis
Reporter

Dr. N. Bennett East says there's human folly in all of us and the next student play on campus deals with what East says should be a lot of fun for the audience.

East, professor of theater/dance, is director of the Marshall Theatre production of "Dry Rot." The play will be performed 8 p.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturday and Nov. 16-19 at the Joan C. Edwards Playhouse in the Fine and Performing Arts Center.

East said the setting of the play is in the lobby of a hotel.

"It's fast, energetic and lots of fun," East said. "It's broad comic humor with not a lot of content. The play is to be enjoyed."

Jason Wood, Portsmouth senior, who plays Fred Phipps said the play is fun.

"Anyone who comes to the play will be thoroughly entertained," Wood said.

Tickets are \$8 or free to full-time Marshall students with valid ID.

Additional information is available at 696-2787.

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for a decent darkroom.

Moore said she took the position assuming staff had necessary developing equipment. However, when she began to examine purchase orders to determine exactly what belonged to the yearbook, all she found were slips for paper and chemicals.

"There was no enlarger — none of the equipment I needed," she said.

Moore resigned because of these problems and salary disagreements.

Personality conflicts also held up progress, Taylor said.

Taylor said working with Jennifer M. Jenkins, Kitts Hill, Ohio, junior and editor-in-chief, led her to believe Jenkins was unwilling to work as part of a team.

Taylor said, "I think she wanted it done her way, and when you're part of a team it can't be done that way."

"She gave me the impression she wanted to take it on herself."

Jenkins, however, said she struggled to get other people involved with production. Jenkins said lack of cooperation from Taylor and Heidi McCormick, former director of student activities and yearbook adviser, forced her to take on total responsibility for completing the Chief Justice.

"I'm not going to get caught up in one student's word against another," McCormick said. "I understand her (Jenkins') frustrations in feeling a lot of the work was dumped on her."

"Student Activities was saddled with an enormous job with very few resources," McCormick said. "It was very frustrating for the people involved. The students and graduate assistant worked very hard."

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"My coach took me to the hospital and she looked real good," Dawson said. "She looked much better than when I first saw her."

"She was happy that we came by and saw her. I told her I was glad she was OK."

Track coach Bernadette Madigan said, "I took her there to make sure she was all right... to make sure she was still alive. We figured she probably would be, but we were kind of worried."

But Dawson's concern does not end there. In just 10 minutes of near death and calm thinking, she made a friend.

She wants to make sure Shelton is looked after and said she will do so herself if need be.

"I would like to," she said. "It is kind of sad that a 90-year-old woman would be living by herself. What happens if she

fell in her house and nobody is there?"

Although she played a major role in saving Shelton's life, Dawson does not take all the credit. But she believes the situation would have been worse had she not arrived.

"If I wasn't there, she would not have known the proper way of doing it," she said. "I think that was one thing that I really helped."

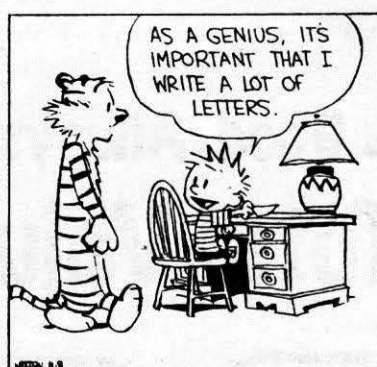
"The only time I got real scared is when we first turned her over. She was lying there and I got her pulse and there was no heartbeat. I thought, oh my God this lady is dead."

Not only is she alive and well, she has made new friends. Dawson and Madigan visited her in the hospital Tuesday.

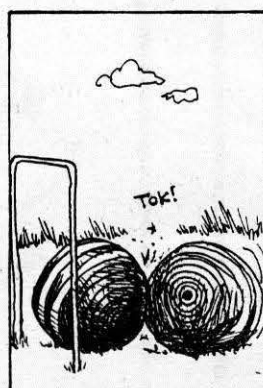
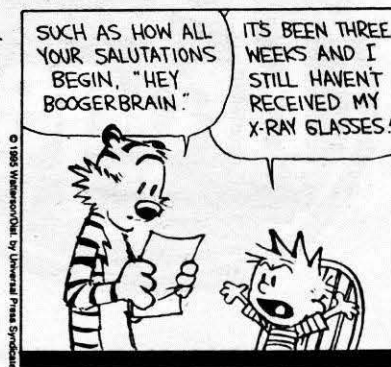
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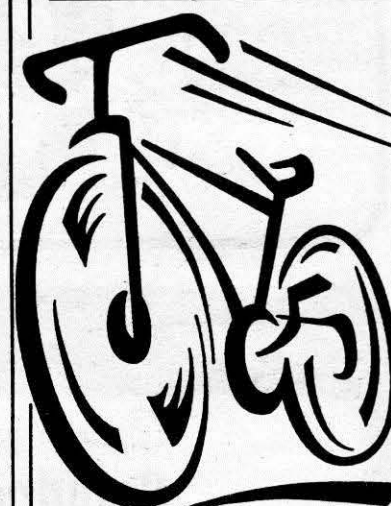
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Defense dominating SC

By Mike Taylor
Staff Writer

Marshall's opposing teams have not only had to prepare to stop Chris Parker, but more importantly, they've had to find a way to break Marshall's dominating defense.

While MU's offense has had its peaks and valleys, the defense has remained a constant force in the Southern Conference and in the nation. When one looks at any defensive category in the SC, the Herd is likely to be found at either number one or number two.

Is it the run stoppers on the defensive line or the cover guys in the secondary? It's both according to Southern Conference coaches.

"Their up front people are excellent," ETSU Coach Mike Cavan said.

"They lost two safeties last year, but those new guys [Scott Smythe and Tim Dempsey] are playing well this year," VMI coach Bill Stewart said.

Marshall's front four of B.J. Cohen, John Duncan, Billy Lyon and Will Edwards offer different talents. Edwards and Lyon are the run stuffers.

"Their up front people are excellent."

Mike Cavan
ETSU coach

Cohen and Duncan are the ones terrorizing opposing quarterbacks.

"I have confidence in my teammates. If I'm double teamed, I then know someone else will get in there," Cohen said.

If a team is lucky enough to get by those guys, it then runs into a talented group of linebackers. Larry McCloud leads the team in tackles with 78. Jerome Embry and Jermaine Swafford are the other linebackers and they are just as dangerous.

Swafford is third in tackles and Embry is the leader of the defense. Herd players call Embry one of the smartest players on team.

As ETSU found out last Saturday, the Herd's secondary can limit any passing attack. ETSU leads the conference in passing, but against the Herd, they had just 118 yards in the air.

"You couldn't really ask for more from the defense," McCloud said.

Melvin Cunningham has

three interceptions this year at one corner position. Jayson Grayson, the other corner, has two interceptions and one fumble recovery.

"Melvin is a big-time player," Cavan said.

Symthe, strong safety, is an open field tackler who is fifth on the team in tackles. Free safety Dempsey is a red shirt freshman who has had some ups and downs, but has still managed two interceptions.

"Tim is just a great athlete," Herd coach Jim Donnan said.

Also making major contributions to the defense are Brian Stump, Albert Barber and B.J. Summers. Last year Stump was all-conference.

Last week Summers moved into the starting lineup in place of Dempsey and had an interception.

Donnan is looking to this weekend's Furman game with a goal in mind.

"We need to put two good games back-to-back. We're playing against an improved football team from last year," Donnan said.

Furman is 5-4 this season with a 4-2 record in the Southern Conference.

Soccer season best since 1985

Year ends with semi-final loss

By Michael Peck
Reporter

The Marshall University soccer team concluded its season Saturday with a 3-1 loss to Furman in the semi-finals of the Southern Conference Tournament.

Furman won the regular season contest at Marshall Stadium 2-0 and won the regular season title with a 6-1 record.

Marshall was seeded fourth in the tournament.

Number one seeded Furman ended up falling to second seeded Davidson 1-0, when Davidson scored on a penalty kick in the tournament final.

Marshall won the first round of the tournament against VMI, 2-0.

Chan Roush scored both goals for the Herd, his eighth and ninth of the season.

"Furman was a tough team, and we played them right after they had recently beaten Clemson, who was ranked fourth in the country," Bob Gray, head coach, said. This was Gray's first season leading the team.

"We played quite well. The team played hard."

Carl Capellas scored the lone goal for the Herd, finishing the season with five.

"Obviously, this season was a tremendous success compared to Marshall teams of the past," Gray said.

Marshall's 10-10 finish this season is the best record a soccer team at Marshall has had since 1985.

"The positive aspects of this year's season is that we were encouraged at the end, winning six of the last eight games," Gray said.

"We are also very young. We started seven freshmen most of the season."

Gray had big expectations for this year's team. "Ten and ten may be seen as good if you compare the record to previous teams, but our goals were better than being a .500 team."

Next year the Marshall soccer team will be able to play home games at its own field which is to be completed by the beginning of next season, according to Gray.

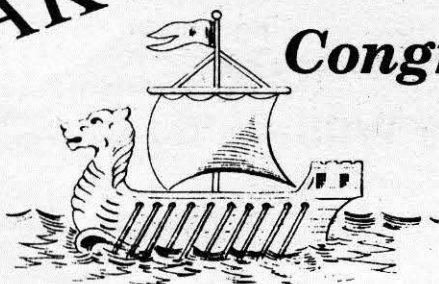
"Next year, we will have our own field," Gray said.

"It looks like we could have as many as 12 home games with six away games. It is a lot easier to win at home," Gray said.

The soccer team will play an unofficial season in the spring. The season will feature several exhibition games.

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Tie-breaker

Marshall vs. VMI

Get in the study *groove*



"Students make a mistake by taking notes in class and never look at them again until the teacher announces a test. That's just too much material to learn."

Patricia G. Walker
assistant professor

Old study habits are hard to break, but one Marshall professor believes any students can be successful if they discover a strategy that works.

Patricia G. Walker, assistant professor at the Community and Technical College, teaches Reading 138, "Academic Skills Review." She said a lot of students never developed effective study skills in high school, so she introduces different types of study strategies to students in her class.

"Not everyone learns in the same way," Walker said. "The secret to good study habits is to find the strategy which works best. My advice to students is that they experiment until they find what works best for them."

Too many college students think the only way to study for a test is to read over and over their notes from class and that's going to prepare them. She said, "For most tests that is not enough."

Many teachers use computer generated tests based on the textbook, Walker said.

She added, "There's no way a teacher can cover the entire textbook in class. So students must also learn to study the textbook whether it is to fill in their notes or answer questions."

The number one place to start is vocabulary. She pointed out 70 percent of college study is vocabulary. If students work on these skills it will be a good start toward

learning the course materials.

She explained that another useful study method involves three by five cards, which can be used for vocabulary as well as for questions.

She said the advantage of cards over notes is the answer is not right beside you, but on the back of the card. This enables students to work in two directions which uses a higher level of thinking.

"The nice thing about this study technique is that students can pull out the cards they already know," Walker said.

Another study method she recommends is outlining.

"For some people, outlining works very good with chapters in the textbook," Walker said. The outline is used to determine how the materials fit together.

"That's not something you wait until the last minute to do," she said. "It's something you do when a chapter is assigned."

Walker said, "Not everyone should outline, because some people are very auditory. These students are better off making tapes of the questions or the main ideas discussed in class." This is good for students who spend a lot of time driving to school.

"The idea is to make the time in the car work for them. You drive an hour each day and you can lose a lot of study time."

Another helpful hint for study is the "T-Note Method" of note taking. Using this method, the student goes home and cleans up his or her notes then makes up questions.

"Students make a mistake by taking notes in class and never look at them again until the teacher announces a test," Walker said.

"That's just too much material to learn. So using this method, the student studies a little bit each day, which is a lot better."

She pointed mnemonics (using either words or sentences in association with the

study material) are useful in exercising the memory.

"Every student of music used this technique when they learned the lines of the treble clef," Walker said as she chanted "Every good boy does fine."

Word mnemonics can be used to make acronyms.

"You can take any list that you're working on and make up a silly sentence that starts with the beginning of each of those words."

She said successful college students study every day. Walker recommends that students not take more than one day off from their studies.

"Try to do something, like read over notes or organize course materials so you can understand it better."

By William B. Lucas
Reporter

